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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 453
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A RESOLUTION to honor the Greater First Baptist Church in
Lewisburg and its congregation for 100 years of
service to their Lord and community.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the Greater First Baptist Church in Lewisburg comprise one such congregation, who are celebrating the Church's centennial anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the congregation was organized in 1900 and since that time the laity has experienced numerous changes, not only in the lives and hearts of the laypeople and the pastorate, but also in the church structure itself; and

WHEREAS, the one-room church was renovated in 1959 under the leadership of the Reverend W. P. Johnson, who currently serves as Pastor Emeritus and is the father of the Reverend William Herbert Johnson, the Church's current minister; and

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WHEREAS, for one hundred years many excellent leaders in both religious and public arenas have come from the ranks of Lewisburg Baptists; and

WHEREAS, the Greater First Baptist Church has significantly contributed to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of Lewisburg, Marshall County, and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the congregation of the Greater First Baptist Church in Lewisburg for their many years of service to God, their community, and the state, and extend to them our best wishes as they embark on their second century of humble Christian service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.